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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/754,853
Filed: January 5, 2001
Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Soybean Cyst Nematode Resistance**
Applicants: Brian M. HAUGE *et al.*
Atty. Docket No.: 16517.187

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Amendment and Reply to Final Action mailed June 8, 2004 (including Attachments AG4301 and A2869); and
2. Return postcard.

Please stamp the postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.187. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Sir:

In response to the Final Action mailed June 8, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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